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### Honey Production Drops Twenty Percent

Tennessee honey production in 2016 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 330 thousand pounds, down 20 percent (113 thousand pounds) from 2015. Value of honey production in 2016 was \$1.58 million, down 6 percent from 2015. There were 6 thousand colonies from which honey was harvested in 2016. Yield of honey harvested per colony averaged 55.0 pounds, down 4 pounds from 2015. Producer honey stocks were 69,000 pounds on December 15, 2016, down 12 percent from a year earlier.

United States honey production in 2016 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 162 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2015. There were 2.78 million colonies from which honey was harvested in 2016, up 4 percent from 2015. Yield of honey harvested per colony averaged 58.3 pounds, down 1 percent from the 58.9 pounds in 2015. Producer honey stocks were 41.3 million pounds on December 15, 2016, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

### Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value — Tennessee: 2012-2016

[Producers with 5 or more colonies.]

Year	Honey producing colonies <sup>1</sup>	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks December 15 <sup>2</sup>	Average price per pound <sup>3</sup>	Value of production <sup>4</sup>
	(1,000)	(Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)	(Cents)	(1,000 Dollars)
2012 .....	6	61	366	59	293	1,072
2013 .....	7	45	315	63	355	1,118
2014 .....	7	63	441	88	376	1,658
2015 .....	7	59	413	78	404	1,669
2016 .....	6	55	330	69	478	1,577

<sup>1</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>3</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

<sup>4</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.